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REMARKS

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1. A train carrying 12 AT guns, 4 tank trucks, about 40 trucks and, in four boxcars, an undetermined number of soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets was observed in Neuruppin at 3 p.m. on 23 September 1950. The train left toward Berlin. (1) A train carrying 27 tanks, soldiers in one boxcar and trucks left Neuruppin toward Altruppin at 5 p.m. on the same day. (2)

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2. A train carrying 27 tanks and soldiers in one boxcar left Neuruppin toward Altruppin at 10:30 a.m. on 1 October 1950. Between 23 September and 2 October 1950 several trains carrying tanks, AT guns and trucks. (2)

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3. A train of 15 boxcars occupied by an undetermined number of soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets, and 25 flatcars carrying 4 AT guns, 5 tank trucks, 4 field kitchens and 38 trucks passed through Neuruppin on 30 September 1950, coming from Wittstock. Its destination could not be determined. A train carrying 14 tanks, 8 armored personnel carriers, and one field kitchen passed through Neuruppin on the same day. (1)

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4. Only trains loaded with commercial goods passed through Angermuende between 17 and 28 September 1950. A train of 41 gondola cars loaded with coal came from Neuoesnitz and left for Stettin-harbor on 28 September 1950.

5. On 1 October 1950 tanks were loaded on flatcars in Lieberose. Another 20 flatcars and 20 boxcars were assembled. Truck towing a 37-mm AT gun proceeded to the railroad station to be loaded. A train carrying three armored scout cars and tank trucks left Lieberose on the same day, heading toward Cottbus. (4)

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6. Tanks were loaded in Lieberose on 4 October 1950.

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Empty trains of flatcars were assembled in Cottbus on the same day to move to Lieberose if needed for loading operations and headed toward Dresden. (4)

7. A shipment of three boxes with unidentified contents went from Burgstedt to Fuerstenwalde on 4 October 1950. 50X1-HUM

8. A shipment of five boxes containing tank spare parts was dispatched from the Tewa Firm, Weissenfels, to Muellrose on 4 October 1950.

Comments

- (1) [redacted] probably troop trains of the 18th Mecz Div. A similar shipment of the same division was observed [redacted] in Neuruppin on the same day. [redacted] The trains probably carried troops who were loaded in Wittstock and left toward Berlin in late September 1950. [redacted] The units may have participated in the fall maneuvers in the Magdeburg-Dessau-Wittenberg area. 50X1-HUM
- (2) Shipment of a tank unit of the 12th Gds Tank Div. The other trains possibly carried components of the 12th Gds Tank Div or the 18th Mecz Div. Troop trains from Wittstock and Neuruppin running toward Belzig via Rathenow were previously reported. [redacted] It is possible that units of the 12th Gds Tank Div may also have participated in the fall maneuvers in the Magdeburg-Dessau-Wittenberg area. 50X1-HUM
- (3) [redacted]
- (4) Loading of components of the 7th Gds Mecz Div, probably returning to their posts from the Lieberose training area. The statement that the trains left toward Dresden indicates that the components of the 7th Gds Mecz Div returned to their post via Cottbus as they did in 1949.

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